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# Watson

**A report on the fierce rivalry between Everton team-mates...**

**DAVE WATSON**

# I m impr

It wouldn't be the first time the 25-year-old defender failed to make the grade on his native Merseyside. He joined Liverpool from school in 1977, but left for Norwich City three years later without a first team appearance to his name.

On his move to Everton, he admits: "I have been disappointed with my form. Certainly I have never reached the high standards I've set myself.

"I suppose it took me a little time to get used to my new team-mates and their style of play, but that is no excuse after the first half dozen matches."

## Lucky

His first 13 appearances before pulling his hamstring at Southampton were certainly far from lucky. Everton won only seven of them, conceding 15 goals, and Watson was noticeably slow in adhering to Everton's offside trap.

Indeed, his modest form made it debatable that he would have kept his place for that long. Only

**D**AVE WATSON faces an almighty battle at Goodison Park to prove he is not the latest in a long line of £1 million misfits.

Everton's pre-season capture from Norwich, who has spent the past six weeks overcoming a hamstring injury, knows his seven figure fee gives him no divine right to a first team spot.

And with rival Derek Mountfield now playing as well as ever following 18 months of treatment table misery, the England international centre-half could be in danger of adding his name to the list of those who found it impossible to live up to their hefty price tags.



# v Mountfield

injuries to other key defenders forced manager Howard Kendall to experiment with a sweeper system, allowing skipper Kevin Ratcliffe, Mountfield and Watson to play together.

Kendall says: "The formation was forced on me. It worked in certain matches, but went wrong in others.

"Once my injured players, including Gary Stevens, Pat Van den Hauwe and Neil Pointon, are pressing for first team action again I don't think I'll use the sweeper system. It's not our style.

"And I'm not going to hide behind selection 'problems' - if that is the right word - by picking three central defenders every week.

"That means some players will be disappointed, but it is vital I have strong competition for places."

Clearly, it seems, three into two won't go. And Mountfield is in no mood to give up the number five shirt without a fight.

# ust ove

He insists: "As soon as Dave arrived at the club I made it my priority to get back into the team and play well enough to make it very difficult for the boss to leave me out again.

"I think I'm playing my best football since we won the League Championship in 1985 and I believe I've done enough to prove I am the man for the job."

Watson is keeping a brave face, and says: "At Norwich, mine was one of the first names on manager Ken Brown's team sheet every week. But I knew I couldn't expect the same sort of treatment at Everton.

"I fully realised there would be strong competition for places at Goodison Park, but there's no use me worrying about it.

"Derek is a good player who has done well for the club over the past few seasons, and all I can do is to try and recapture the form that made Everton want to pay out all that money.

"I have enough belief in my own ability to know that I'll do that. Then we'll see what happens."

**D**EREK MOUNTFIELD has proved wrong the scaremongers who were writing off his career. To the point, in fact, where he could be on the verge of a dramatic England call-up.

The 24-year-old Liverpoolian is back with a vengeance after 18 months of despair, and says: "I'm playing with a lot of confidence and I'm feeling good ... it's just so nice to be playing again.

"My injury troubles started with a cyst on my knee. It developed from there until it reached the stage where it needed a major operation.

"It didn't settle for six months after that, and there were rumours spreading that I would never play again.

"But I never believed them. It

was just a case of getting the fluid off the knee and having a complete rest."

Mountfield, who was able to play in only 15 First Division matches last season, says the turning point arrived last summer.

"I had five weeks where I didn't do anything, and that did the trick."

And the former Tranmere

Rovers central defender, who has played for England's Under-21 and 'B' sides, is not giving up hope of earning a senior cap.

He might just get that chance soon, following fierce criticism of Mark Wright's performance during England's recent European Championship victory over Yugoslavia.

"I would love to play for England," he says. "There was talk of me getting a call up before I was injured. But the only way I am going to catch Bobby Robson's eye is by playing regularly - and well - for Everton. That is my only ambition for the moment."

# My England dream

**DEREK MOUNTFIELD**





*Glenn Hoddle pays a price for*

# BLOOD AND THUN

**B**loodied Wembley hero Glenn Hoddle will carry the scars of battle for life after one of his finest performances in an England shirt.

But, in doing so, he also established a new reputation for himself as a player prepared to mix his undoubted skill with a certain amount of steel.

He said after England's vital victory over European Championship rivals





# a fine England performance

# DER

**MARVELLOUS MABBUTT:** The Spurs midfield man, in his first international game for three years, soars above the Yugoslav defence to head England into the lead.

Yugoslavia: "I like to achieve all that is good in football, but I accept it is also important to be ready for a scrap, and I like to think I am."

That sort of commitment could finally persuade a top foreign club to make Tottenham an offer they can't refuse, and Hoddle opened the door to a move by adding: "Manager David Pleat has made it clear that if the right offer comes

in Spurs will let me go.

"I believe the time could be right for me to make the break."

While Hoddle provided the blood at Wembley his club-mate Gary Mabbutt added the thunder.

It was his powerful header that gave England the lead, and afterwards he was criticised by Yugoslav manager Ivica Osim for a tackle on Semir Tuce that left

the Yugoslav with ligament damage.

"It was a definite foul," said Osim, but Mabbutt countered: "I have never gone out to deliberately hurt anyone. That is not my style."

England's killer second goal was scored by Arsenal's Viv Anderson from a super Chris Waddle centre to complete a glory-glory night for the North London clubs.

**VIV FOR VICTORY:** Arsenal defender Viv Anderson finishes off a sweet four-man move in clinical style.







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# The Editor

## GIVE US A BREAK

CONTRACTUAL problems prevent live TV matches in Scotland being shown in England.

What a shame! I'd liked to have seen the Skol Cup Final between Celtic and Rangers. I'm sure there are thousands of other fans who would welcome a break from Manchester United and Liverpool every now and again.

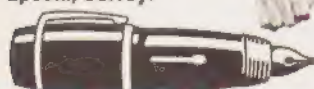
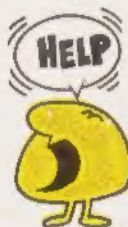
## PROBLEM FEET

SHOOT reader Roger England is 22-years-old and plays midfield for his club.

He stands 6ft 3ins and wears size 14 boots... when he can get them that is.

Roger has to play in trainers because none of the big sports manufacturers can supply big enough boots.

If anyone can help please contact Roger at 8 Chartswell Place, Epsom, Surrey.



Eleanor Karlsson, is 18-years-old, and lives at Lerbero P1, 1565, S-434 00, Kungsbacka, Sweden. She wants to hear from boys or girls who support West Brom or Aberdeen.



# STRANDED!

I'M all for discipline and normally agree with managers who clamp down on players who step out of line or bring their club into disrepute.

But I found it difficult to understand the reason why Oxford United manager Maurice Evans left John Aldridge and four other first team players stranded at QPR recently.

Because the players were five minutes late Maurice ordered the coach to leave without them.

Big John and the other lads had been delayed signing autographs for fans.

Surely the manager could have punished the players privately and not treated them like schoolboys.

## ED'S TEASER



ONE of the best players in the country - a real Champion. Can you spot him from this photo taken several years ago? £5 to the first five correct entries opened after Friday December 5th.

Not a lot of people know that .... Colchester United have the youngest physiotherapist in the Today League. He's 19-year-old Steven Allen.

Steven joined Colchester on a Youth Training Scheme at 16, but decided to take a three year physio course at Lilleshall instead.

Well done, Steven ... and Colchester United for their dramatic revival in the Fourth Division.

My thanks to reader Bob McCartney, Beaumont House, Coggeshall, Essex for the information.

## Shoot view

The transfer scene is showing signs of returning to those crazy days of cheque-book madness.

Newcastle have just spent almost half a million pounds on a striker who has hardly kicked a ball in the First Division for two years.

Paul Goddard started only one League match for West Ham last season, figured this term only because of injury, yet Newcastle had no hesitation in handing over £415,000 for his services.

Goddard's record is good, but is it that good?

One of the season's most puzzling transactions was Trevor Christie's arrival and prompt

## Transfer madness!

departure from Manchester City with Maine Road £70,000 out of pocket on the deals.

Gary Lineker's £2.8 million transfer to Barcelona seemed to spark a rush of wild spending.

### Strugglers

Chelsea went out and bought Roy Wegerle for £100,000 from Tampa Bay. What's he done for the First Division strugglers? A few days later they spent half a million on Steve Wicks, who has become second choice centre-half.

Everton gave Norwich £900,000 for Dave Watson and now wonder what to do with him following

Derek Mountfield's stunning return from injury.

Bryan Hamilton, boss at Leicester, paid Southampton £300,000 for Steve Moran. His job? To score goals. His record? One League goal in his first nine outings.

Aston Villa have still to reap the dividends of their £350,000 outlay on Aberdeen's Neale Cooper. He has been sidelined through injury.

There are still value-for-money deals, notably £350,000 Mark Falco's major contribution to Watford's scoring charts.

But in these times of economic stringency, with clubs fighting for every penny, there are still too many misguided transfer deals.

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**Spotlight on Alex Ferguson, the man who's taken on the hardest job in British football**

# I AM NOT FRIGHTENED

**A**lex Ferguson has no doubts. "I'm the manager of the biggest club in the world," he declares.

"Anywhere you go you'll find people with a soft spot for Manchester United. There isn't another club to compare."

But in the next breath Fergie points out: "I'm not intimidated by the size of the job I've taken on. I can and will cope."

"Words can't adequately explain the buzz and excitement I felt when the chance came along. I just couldn't wait to get started."

"No one was more surprised than I was at the speed with which it happened. One minute I was manager of Aberdeen and the

next I found myself in charge at United."

Fergie had just one training session under his belt before a disappointing start to his reign as United went down 2-0 at Oxford.

"If I'd been choosing where to make a start I'd probably have put the Manor Ground bottom of the list," he admits.

"Don't judge me or the team on what you saw at Oxford. Come back in a few weeks time and you'll see the difference."

"The players' confidence has taken a hammering over the last few weeks and my first job is to rekindle the team spirit."

"We made a dramatic improvement in our next game at Norwich and if the players show the same desire as myself we'll have no problem."

Don't expect Ferguson to continue along the same big-spending route of his predecessor Ron Atkinson.

Fergie has arrived at Old Trafford at a time when even

## CHEF-TO-CHIEF

**T**he new United manager once trained to become a chef, convinced that when he stopped playing football the game would be a mere memory.

Way back in 1970, when England went to Mexico to defend the World Cup, Ferguson was a part-time chef in a restaurant overlooking Hampden Park.

He said at the time: "I'm learning the catering trade and have been working in a kitchen for the past three weeks."

"I'm doing it in my spare time to prepare myself when I go into business." Thankfully, he never did.





Alex Ferguson has insisted on a greater standard of fitness at United. Jesper Olsen (right) has responded positively to the new boss.

United are feeling the pinch. He knows that before he can buy he'll have to sell

But he has no immediate plans to enter the transfer market in any case. "Money wasn't even mentioned when I spoke to the chairman," he points out.

"I can honestly say that I've come here without any new players in mind. The first priority is to sort out the current staff.

### 'Sacrifice'

"They've got to show me that this is where they want to be more than any club in the world. If not, they're no good to me and no use to Manchester United. People have got to sacrifice their all for this club

"Reputations count for nothing. If I had been here in the days of Bobby Charlton, Denis Law and



## BRYAN ROBSON



Manchester United are running backwards... for glory.

Yes, Alex Ferguson, Old Trafford's new boss, has got the players pedalling in reverse.

I doubt whether our supporters will see Manchester United on the retreat at Wimbledon on Saturday, 29th November, but the lads look more and more like a video film in reverse during training.

Running backwards is all part of Alex's routine designed to

George Best, and they hadn't done the business, they'd have been on their way.

"It's performances that impress me - results and hard facts. That's the way it is going to be. I have got to succeed and so have the players."

Fergie chose a peaceful Sunday morning to gather the Aberdeen players together for the very last time

It was an emotional occasion for everyone, not least Fergie, who admits: "Aberdeen Football Club was my life for eight and a half marvellous years.

"I just felt it was right to gather the players together and thank them for their contribution. The attitude shown throughout my time at the club was magnificent and no one will be more delighted than yours truly if Aberdeen win the Scottish title.

"And if the United players show the same character and attitude that was displayed throughout my time at Pittodrie, I'll be more than satisfied."

## JESPER'S SPIRIT

reduce the level of hamstring injuries suffered by Manchester United players.

Hamstring pulls have hit us like measles strike children in school.

I have just recovered from one such injury and the boss hopes that his training routine will keep the United lads free of pulls and all the other niggles that have disrupted us in recent seasons.

His commitment to the walking wounded was evident at the start of his second week at Old Trafford.

Alex took training on a Sunday for Gordon Strachan, Terry Gibson, Norman Whiteside and Gary Bailey.

His wholehearted commitment, fierce determination to get things right and deep love of the game has lifted United.

# FIRST BOOB

Fergie's arrival at Old Trafford has resulted in a new nickname for United striker Peter Davenport.

It's the result of a clanger dropped by the new boss in the team talk prior to his first game in charge at Oxford.

"I called him Nigel," admits Fergie with a grin. "I must have been thinking of the actor Nigel Davenport and it just slipped out."

"Naturally it caused a few laughs and it wouldn't surprise me if the other lads make Peter suffer by calling him Nigel from now on.

But I'm afraid it is nothing new for me to get a name wrong. When I was at Aberdeen I was always referring to Richard Gough, the Spurs defender who was with Dundee United as David!"

For the record, Fergie's details are as follows:

Full name: Alexander Chapman Ferguson.

Birthplace and date: Govan, Glasgow, on December 31, 1941.

Height and weight: 5ft 10½ins, 12 stone.

Married: to Cathy for 20 years.

Sons: Mark (18) and twins Darren and Jason (14).

Footballing start: as a player.

is more than 500 games for Queen's Park, Johnstone's, Dunfermline, Rangers, Falkirk and Ayr.

Started managerial career at East Stirling and later moved to St. Mirren before taking over at Aberdeen.

Scottish manager 1980-81.

Job as trade before becoming a manager.

Served a five-year apprenticeship as a toolmaker.

Club honours: Not one as a player but three League Championships, four Scottish Cups, one Skol Cup, one Cup-Winners' Cup and one European Super Cup with Aberdeen.



*Bryan Robson*





Neil O'Brien  
(Arsenal)

Monday, November 17

## FA CUP 1st Rnd replay

CHELMSFORD (1).....2	WOKING (0).....1
Cowley Donohy	Morris
	2,800

Tuesday, November 18

## LITTLEWOODS CUP 4th Round

ARSENAL (1).....2	CHARLTON (0).....0
Curbishley (og), Quinn	
28,301	
SHREWSBURY (0).....1	CARDIFF (0).....0
McNally	
4,873	
SOUTHAMPTON (1).....2	ASTON VILLA (0).....1
Cass Clarke	
13,402	
WEST HAM (0).....1	OXFORD (0).....0
Cottee (pen)	
20,530	

## FA CUP 1st Rnd replays

ALTRINCHAM (0).....4	FRICKLEY (0).....0
Anderson 2, Farrelly, Reid	
1,500	
BOGNOR (0).....0	SLOUGH (0).....1
	Bateman
	1,250
BOLTON (1).....1	HALIFAX (0).....1
Caldwell	AET
4,852	
CARLISLE (0).....0	NOTTS COUNTY (1).....3
	Young, McParland 2
	3,742
COLCHESTER (1).....2	S. STORTFORD (0).....0
Tom English, Adcock	
3,518	
DONCASTER (2).....3	WHITBY (1).....2
Woods, Stand	
3,140	
ENFIELD (0).....3	DARTFORD (0).....0
Duffield (pen), King, Kean	
1,442	
ROTHERHAM (0).....1	CHESTER (0).....0
Evans	Kelly
AET	
WOLVES (1).....1	CHORLEY (1).....1
Forman	Moss
4,780	

Wednesday, November 19

## LITTLEWOODS CUP 4th Round

BRADFORD (0).....0	NOTTM. FOREST (3).....6
	Carr, Metgod, Clough
	18,009
COVENTRY (0).....0	LIVERPOOL (0).....0
	Mills, Fairclough
	28,385
NORWICH (1).....1	EVERTON (2).....4
Barham	Sheddy, Sharp, Steven
	(pen), Heath
	17,988

## FA CUP

### 1st Round replays

BOSTON (0).....1	RUNCORN (0).....2
Lissaman	Carter (pen),
	Rowlands
	AET
	3,784
CAMBRIDGE (1).....2	EXETER (0).....0
Downman, Bailey	

## SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (2).....5	CLYDEBANK (0).....0
Stark 2, Hewitt, Connor 2	
DUNDEE UTD (0).....3	HAMILTON (0).....0
Sturrock, Ferguson, Clark	
FALKIRK (0).....1	ST MIRREN (1).....1
Kerr	Camaron
1	
HIBS (0).....0	CELTIC (0).....1
	McStay
	1
MOTHERWELL (0).....2	HEARTS (0).....3
Walker, Farnham	McDonald 2, Barry
RANGERS (1).....2	DUNDEE (0).....1
McCaig, McPherson	Shannon

Thursday, November 20

## FA CUP

### 1st Round replay

SWANSEA (2).....2	WEALSTONE (0).....1
Love, McCarthy	Dayle (pen)
	2,830
	(abandoned 54 mins., rain, replay Monday)

Friday, November 21

## DIVISION TWO

BIRMINGHAM (0).....2	LEEDS (0).....1
Clarke, Bremner	Sherran

## DIVISION FOUR

HALIFAX (0).....4	ORIENT (0).....0
Brown (pen), Longhurst 2	
1,405	
SCUNTHORPE (2).....5	COLCHESTER (1).....2
Foster (og)	Hadman
1,405	
Lester, Brodie	English
Johnson 2, McLean (pen)	
1,725	

# THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

## DIVISION ONE

ARSENAL (2).....3	MAN CITY (0).....0
Dinner 15	
28,009	
ANDERSON 44, Adams 53	
CHARLTON (0).....1	SOUTHAMPTON (1).....3
Stuart 59	Lawrence 19, Clarke 80,
	Cass 88
	6,930
CHELSEA (1).....1	NEWCASTLE (1).....3
Dune 27	Thomas 41, 88
	14,544
COVENTRY (1).....2	NORWICH (1).....1
6,55	Beardsley 74
10,993	
MAN UTD (1).....1	Q.P.R. (0).....0
Sivebak 32	Biggins 19
42,235	
NOTTM F (2).....3	WIMBLEDON (1).....2
Clough 23 (pen)	Fairweather 2
15,481	
OXFORD (1).....2	TOTTENHAM (2).....4
Lawworthy 2	Hodges 47
12,143	
BRISTOL WED (0).....1	LUTON (0).....0
Megson 73	Waddle 68, 88
21,771	
WATFORD (2).....5	LEICESTER (0).....1
Roston 7, Barnes 39,	Smith 85
13,605	
WEST HAM (1).....1	ASTON VILLA (0).....1
Cottee 9	Thompson 64
	21,959

## DIVISION TWO

BRIGHTON (0).....0	BLACKBURN (1).....2
	Young 20 (og),
	Quinn 64
	7,382
DERBY (1).....2	SHEFF UTD (0).....0
Mucklewhite 34,	
Gregory 50	
18,092	
Huddersfield (1).....1	PLYMOUTH (1).....1
Webster 12	Clayton 39,
	Tyrann 73
	4,874
HULL (1).....2	STAFFORD (1).....1
Stepper 24,	Goodman 14
8,423	
IPSWICH (0).....1	BARNLEY (0).....0
Wilson 82	
10,150	
OLDHAM (1).....1	C PALACE (0).....0
T Wright 7	
8,706	
PORTSMOUTH (0).....2	GRIMSBY (1).....1
Manner 55,	Haas 41
8,517	
SToke (1).....3	READING (0).....0
Bartchen 11,57,58	
7,465	
SUNDERLAND (0).....1	SHREWSBURY (1).....1
Armstrong 58 (pen)	Brown 18
12,374	
WEST BROM (0).....0	MILLWALL (0).....0
	Sherringham 49 (pen)
	8,005

## DIVISION THREE

ARNHEMOUTH (0).....2	CHESTERFIELD (0).....0
Puckett 55, O'Connor 83	
4,312	
BRENTFORD (1).....1	BLACKPOOL (0).....1
Stevens 41	Taylor 87
4,471	
BRISTOL CITY (0).....0	ROTHERHAM (1).....1
	Pugh 25
	8,766
BURY (0).....1	SWINDON (2).....2
Taylor 84 (pen)	Gilligan 4, Wade 34, 2,241
2,241	
CARLISLE (0).....1	FULHAM (0).....3
Poskett 87	Conay 47, 84,
	Daves 61
	2,482
CHESTER (2).....3	BRISTOL ROV (0).....1
Barnett 12, 87,	Morgan 79
2,028	
Croft 45	
DARLINGTON (1).....1	WIGAN (0).....1
Moore 33	
1,812	
DONCASTER (2).....2	PORT VALE (1).....1
Woods 2, Burke 4	O'Kelly 43
2,455	
GILLINGHAM (2).....3	NOTTS CO (0).....1
Shearer 1, 50,	Whitt 57
Cascerino 3	
5,238	
MANCHESTER (1).....2	BOLTON (0).....2
Garner 21	Caldwell 81
3,086	
NEWPORT (0).....0	MIDDLESBRO (0).....0
	Mowbray 80
	2,878
YORK (0).....1	WALSALL (2).....5
Hood 85 (pen)	Shakespeare 10
	Chicks 28, Kelly 46, 61
	Cross 83
	3,250

## DIVISION FOUR

ALDERSHOT (2).....2	ROCHDALE (1).....1
Langley 33, Foyle 35	Walsingham 40 (pen)
	1,921
BURNLEY (2).....3	LINCOLN (1).....1
James 11	Lund 30
2,150	
ROSWAY (43, Murphy 81)	
CAMBRIDGE (1).....1	PETERBORO (0).....1
Beck 17	Gregory 72
3,490	
NORTHAMPTON (1).....P	EXETER (1).....P
(illness at Exeter)	
PRESTON (0).....2	SOUTHEND (0).....0
Enderley 50,	Thomas 87
6,033	
STOCKPORT (1).....2	CARDIFF (0).....0
Allatt 13, Edwards 84	
1,674	
SWANSEA (0).....1	HARTLEPOOL (0).....0
McCarthy 88	
4,420	
TORQUAY (0).....1	HEREFORD (0).....0
Pyle 70	Kearns 55
999	
TRANMERE (3).....3	CREWE (2).....2
Thorne 16, 42	Hart 35, Wright 32
1,822	
Muir 20	
WOLVES (0).....0	WREXHAM (2).....3
	Baxter 0
	Cooke 31, Comative 66
	5,232

Sunday, 23rd November

## DIVISION ONE

EVERTON (0).....0	LIVERPOOL (0).....0
	48,247

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Saturday, November 22

## SCOTTISH PREMIER

ABERDEEN (1).....1	RANGERS (0).....0
Dodds 18	
22,500	
CELTIC (0).....4	FALKIRK (0).....2
Johnston 47, 70	Ashwood 58,
18,545	Gilmour 89
Clydebank (0).....2	MOTHERWELL (2).....3
Conroy 53	Smith 40, 88
1,384	
DUNDEE UTD (1).....1	HIBERNIAN (0).....1
Bannon 44	Govan 44 (og)
8,882	
HAMILTON (0).....1	ST MIRREN (0).....0
McCaig 80 (pen)	Gallagher 50
2,283	
HEARTS (1).....3	DUNDEE (1).....1
Colquhoun 27,	Angus 23
12,094	

## SCOTTISH DIV. ONE

AIRDRIE (2).....3	DUNFERMLINE (0).....0
BRECHIN (0).....0	PARTICK (0).....0
CLYDE (0).....0	KILMARNOCK (0).....0
EAST FIFE (0).....0	DUMGALL (0).....0
MORTON (0).....0	FORFAR (0).....0
QUEEN OF SYD (0).....1	MONTROSE (0).....0

## SCOTTISH DIV TWO

ALBION R (0).....0	ST JOHNSTONE (0).....2
AYR UTD (0).....1	ALLOA (0).....0
EAST STIRLING (0).....0	BERWICK (1).....1
RAITH ROV (1).....2	MEADOWBANK (0).....3
STENHSMUR (0).....0	ARBROATH (0).....1
STIRLING ALB (2).....4	COWDENBETH (1).....1
STRANRAER (1).....2	QUEEN'S PK (2).....3

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Motherwell	20	1	4	10	5	3	4	12	18	10	18	
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Hamilton	19	0	10	7	2	0	2	6	4	16	3	

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Greenock	21	6	3	2	16	8	5	2	3	4	22	
East Fife	2	5	4	2	15	3	2	8	20	8	24	
Morton	21	4	2	5	18	5	3	7	23	3	23	
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Clyde	21	2	6	14	14	2	5	4	12	19		
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Saturday, November 22

## DIVISION ONE

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# 1982 Villain

# 1986 Hero

**M**ARK Aizlewood returns to Kenilworth Road for the first time this Saturday (November 29) hoping to finally forget the secret fear that has haunted him for four years.

The Charlton skipper, who left Luton for the South Londoners in 1982, admits: "Many-a-time I've wondered whether I boobed when I signed for Charlton.

"I was at Kenilworth Road for four years, and David Pleat offered me another two-year contract after we won the Second Division Championship in 1982

"But I had a personality clash with Luton's former manager, and decided to sign for Charlton."

## Wisdom

It wasn't long, though, before Aizlewood began to doubt his own wisdom.

He reveals: "Charlton were a poor Second Division side at the time, and my form was equally unimpressive. I thought I'd blown my chance of ever playing in the top flight. We had to win our last match to avoid relegation."

And, just to complete his tale of woe, the Valley fans were hardly impressed with their new £50,000 acquisition, either.

He recalls: "I took some

terrible stick from them. I tried to battle my way through it, but it got to the stage where I preferred playing away from home

"I didn't mind so much them having a go if I was having a stinker, but they were shouting abuse at me during pre-match warm-ups."

The club's dire financial crisis, which exploded two years later

when Charlton came within an ace of losing their League membership, seemed in keeping with Aizlewood's own problems.

## 'Miracle'

But he insists: "I reckon the last two seasons have been the very best of my career.

"I've won four Welsh caps, and

I think we've performed a miracle in getting back into Division One."

Aizlewood's no-nonsense approach in the centre of midfield proved a vital factor in Charlton's fairytale rise to the top, and their supporters found a way of saying how wrong they were by twice voting him their Player of the Year

A recent run of six successive victories, including impressive

# MARK WINS FANS' VOTE

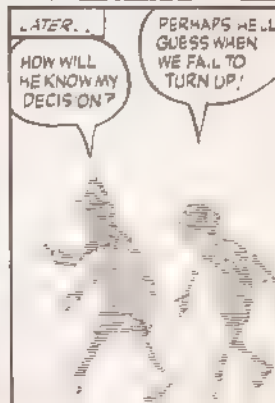
wins at West Ham and Chelsea, have proved Aizlewood's men are no pushovers.

But he says: "We're not foolish enough to think we can challenge for the title this season. We would consider our season a success if we managed to stay up.

"Don't forget we almost folded two years ago, and it will take us a few years yet to make a real impression in the top flight.

"For the time being I'll be more than happy with a win at Luton!"

MOOF-MOOF



Paul Holliman/ITN



**B**righton's new England Under-21 cap Terry Connor – an over age player – is horrified at the thought of being called a "veteran".

"Don't call me that," he pleads. "I'm one of the young ones."

A veteran he isn't, but it's a common mistake to assume that he might be older than 24 – his birthday coming just two days before the European championship game with Yugoslavia.

At least one club visiting the

Goldstone Ground this season thought he was probably a few years older.

Explained manager Alan Mullery: "You tend to forget that Terry was only 17 when he made his debut for Leeds United."

"I got such an early break at Leeds because the club were rebuilding their side after those days when they were riding high," says Connor.

"Eddie Gray was still in the team when I came in. He was the model professional. It was terrific to have someone with his experience alongside you.

"It was Eddie who sold me in

if we get it together we could challenge for promotion," adds Connor.

"We played ever so well against Nottingham Forest in the Littlewoods Cup at Brighton, drawing 0-0, but then went to Oldham and were terrible.

"It's a problem for us finding consistency. In some matches we've learned we just cannot rely on our football. We've got to battle. That's a point Alan Mullery has driven home."

Watching Connor it's tempting to believe he must receive special sprint training.

But Connor doesn't even use

# KING CONNOR

## The Younger

part exchange for Andy Ritchie. It turned out to be a good move for both of us. Andy is still scoring at Leeds and I'm happy at Brighton. "I would like to get 20 goals this season – that's my target. And

Connor marked his England Under-21 debut this month with a goal against Yugoslavia

spikes, revealing: "A lot of players wear them to help their speed but not me.

"I train in boots. And when do you ever sprint 100 yards in a match? It's short distance speed that's important. Quickness off the mark is one of the most vital assets in a striker's armoury.

"I'm delighted with my international recognition but it's success at Brighton that's important for all of us."

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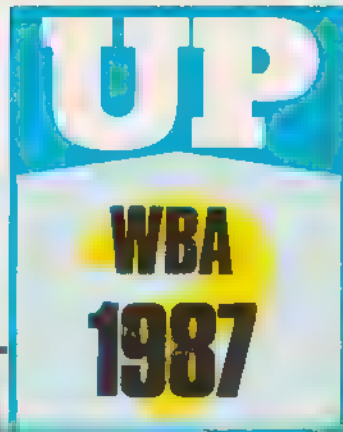
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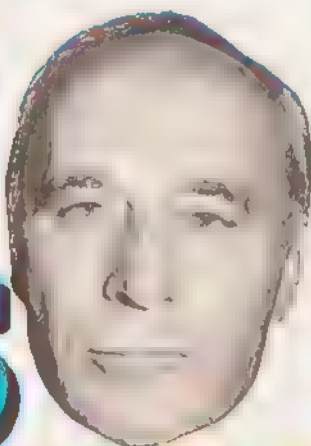
**R**on Saunders is poised to bring off a unique West Midlands treble by guiding West Bromwich Albion to promotion just as he once did for both Aston Villa and Birmingham.

That's the betting around The Hawthorns as the team that Saunders has assembled slips comfortably into gear on the fringe of the Second Division leadership battle.

We still need another couple of players, but things are at least beginning to come right, he says in grudging praise.



# Ron sets up treble



But in the dressing room where Albion have overcome an horrific catalogue of early season injuries, Saunders is winning the battle to blend the best players he inherited with those he has signed.

Skipper Martyn Bennett, one of those who survived the Saunders clearout, insists: "If we're still round the promotion race at Christmas then you can back us to go up."

"People gave us and the gaffer a bit of stick early in the season when one or two results went against us, but it's a long, hard campaign to get promoted from the Second."

The players can see now what the gaffer's intentions are. People outside the club don't see what is going on behind the scenes, but we know it is starting to come right.

If you look at the long term, then when the injuries clear up we are going to be in a great position.

If we're still up among the contenders then we will have players of real calibre getting fit to strengthen our squad at just the right time. Nobody has a better record at winning promotion than Ron Saunders and you have to rate his and our potential.



**Martyn Bennett (left) and Carlton Palmer (above, right) have formed a useful understanding in the Albion defence.**

Saunders has spent nearly half a million pounds since taking charge, signing Robert Hopkins this season to add to earlier buys of Stuart Naylor, Paul Dyson, Martin Dickinson, Stewart Evans, Bobby Williamson and Craig Madden.

But Bennett believes he will spend again both before and after a promotion bid. The gaffer took a lot of stick when he was at Birmingham and they struggled in the First Division after he had taken them up.

But it would be different for us because our club will have the resources to go back into the First Division.

"I think the boss feels that you have to have the basis of a side to get out of the Second and then change it again because it's a totally different game. Our board will back him so that when we do get back he can put a side together that will do something."

"That's all for the future though. At the moment getting out of the Second is our main priority, and I think we'll do it."



# Davie Cooper ends Scotland's goal



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# famine against Luxembourg



Cooperman to the rescue!  
The Rangers winger sets  
Scotland on the road to  
victory from the penalty spot  
(left) and grabs another  
shortly before half-time  
(below).

# ...and that

**N**EW SCOTS boss Andy Roxburgh gambled on a wing and a prayer in search of a goal... and came up trumps in their European Championship qualifier against Luxembourg at Hampden Park. Roxburgh, worried about Scotland's recent goal-shy record, boldly included wingers David Cooper and Pat Nevin alongside striker partners Mo Johnston and Kenny Dalglish, and then prayed they would deliver the goods. They did - and how! Chelsea's Nevin became chief provider with an important part in each of Cooper's two first-half strikes.

## Chance

Then Rangers star Cooper aided and abetted for the third, with a right-winger corner that was headed on by Richard Gough, leaving Mo Johnston with an easy chance on the Luxembourg line. It was just the tonic the Hampden faithful needed in a disastrous recent run, their heroes had created an unenviable set of statistics that included: "Only one goal from their previous six internationals." "Six goalless games out of 12." "Ten matches without a striker scoring."

Mo Johnston applies the finishing touch to Scotland's first win in eight games.





# Five opponents give their verdict on Wimbledon's strong-arm striker

# Fans

**GLENN ROEDER (Newcastle)**  
says:

‘He’s very aggressive and an awkward lad to deal with. He’s just as liable to head you as he is the ball!’

But I would imagine Wimbledon manager Dave Bassett is delighted to have John in his side. You’ve always got a chance with players like him around because he is extremely confident, always wants the ball, and is desperately keen to succeed.

I know John is an orphan brought up in a foster home, and I think everything he achieves in this world he is truly grateful for.

I found it best not to get involved in any chatting with him. I just got on with the game and, to his credit, he never moaned if he was knocked down. The only person he got angry with was himself when he missed a goalscoring opportunity.

He has improved dramatically since his days as a reserve at Norwich City. I saw him then and, to be frank, his touch was quite poor.

But playing against us this season I noticed how he managed to control his goalkeeper’s drop kicks on several occasions. And his general flick-offs were good.

**STEVE BRUCE (Norwich)** says:

‘John’s strength is his strength. When I came off the field after our match against Wimbledon this season I looked and felt as though I’d gone the distance with Frank Bruno. I had a black eye and a scratch down my face, but I don’t know whether he caught me intentionally.’

Yet my motto is ‘If you live by the sword you die by it,’ and, fair-dos, he took several knocks from me without complaining.

He also scored a good goal, and I think he will do all right so long as he doesn’t go out to maim people.

I remember playing against him at Millwall. I don’t know whether it was their fans firing him up, but he didn’t seem to know how to contain his natural enthusiasm and aggression.

So long as he can do that, which I think he is trying to do, he won’t get too many complaints.

# What a bruiser

**PAUL ELLIOTT (Aston Villa)** says:

‘I’ve received a few bumps and bruises against him, but after each match we shake hands and forget it, because I don’t think he ever tries to deliberately hurt his opponent.’

He’s very tough and aggressive, sure, but football is a man’s game. Most of us dish out the hard stuff from time to time, so we’ve got to accept it back.

John has come up through the ranks after struggling to make an impression at Norwich and Cambridge. I know he is keen to do well against First Division defences this season, if only to prove his early doubters wrong. I wish him the best of luck.

**GARY MABBUTT (Tottenham)** says:

‘I think he would agree he’s not one of the most skilful forwards in the First Division, not by a long way, but he’s certainly one of the most effective.’

I’d describe him as an old-fashioned centre-forward. He puts himself about a bit, and I don’t mean that in a derogatory way, he’s very strong, and extremely good in the air, so he will always be a threat to defenders.

A lot was written in the Press about one incident involving John and Gary Stevens in the match between Tottenham and Wimbledon.

Gary dislocated his collar bone, but having seen a replay of the action several times on video, I would exonerate John of any blame. It was an accident.

**MICK MCCARTHY (Manchester City)** says:

‘He’s a handful all right, and perfect for Wimbledon’s style of play.’

We had a good strong battle, but there was no nastiness or malice between us, in fact I think he took more stick from me than I did from him!

I’ve no ill-feeling towards John whatsoever. I shook his hand after the match, and I will do so again the next time we meet.



**‘Referees  
have  
changed  
their attitude’**



# human



**Crash**

ABOVE Glenn Roeder kept Fashanu quiet in Newcastle's 1-0 win this season



**Bang**



**Wallop**

Tottenham's Gary Stevens injured his shoulder after this collision with the Wimbledon striker.

**E**ven though he's come in for a lot of criticism about his wholehearted style of play, Wimbledon striker John Fashanu had been cautioned only once after a third of the League programme.

And Fash reckons it's because he's now a well-known figure after Wimbledon's much publicised exploits in the top flight.

He says: "I've noticed a definite change in attitude of referees towards me. Officials are far more reluctant to book or send-off better known players. This season I've had a much improved relationship with refs."

"I've been able to talk to them and they're giving me a word of caution if I over-step the mark instead of instantly taking my name, as they have in the past."



# Get tough!

One First Division manager, who shall remain nameless, recently called his team together and told them: "Our disciplinary record is a disgrace."

He wasn't complaining how bad it was, but how good it was!

The manager accused his players of going soft and told them to toughen up their act. The result? They won their next two games!

## DONS WANT LUTHER

Wimbledon boss DAVE BASSETT is keeping a close eye on LUTHER BLISSETT's situation at Watford and could make a move for the former England striker.

The Dons' manager is looking for a reliable goalscorer to partner JOHN FASHANU and believes Blissett would be the ideal man... at the right price.

Watford boss GRAHAM TAYLOR has made no secret of the fact that he wants someone else to partner MARK FALCO, and recently agreed a £300,000 deal with Manchester United for TERRY GIBSON but was unable to match the player's personal terms.

If and when Taylor gets his man, Blissett would be surplus to requirements at Vicarage Road after nearly ten years with the club.

Another Watford man reported to be interesting Wimbledon is winger NIGEL CALLAGHAN, who has been on the transfer list all season and rejected a move to Charlton in September.

## Celtic chase Macari

Celtic boss DAVID HAY is trying to lure LOU MACARI from Swindon to become his assistant at Parkhead.

Macari (below) rejected the job when it was offered to him earlier in the season, but now that ALEX FERGUSON has taken over from RON ATKINSON at Manchester United, he may just change his mind.

Another name linked with the job was TOMMY CRAIG, now out of the running after being appointed boss at Hibs.



### LAUGH LINE



"We were packed in like sardines - got me face pressed against the wire fence."

# What's new? IRWIN



## Captain Gough?

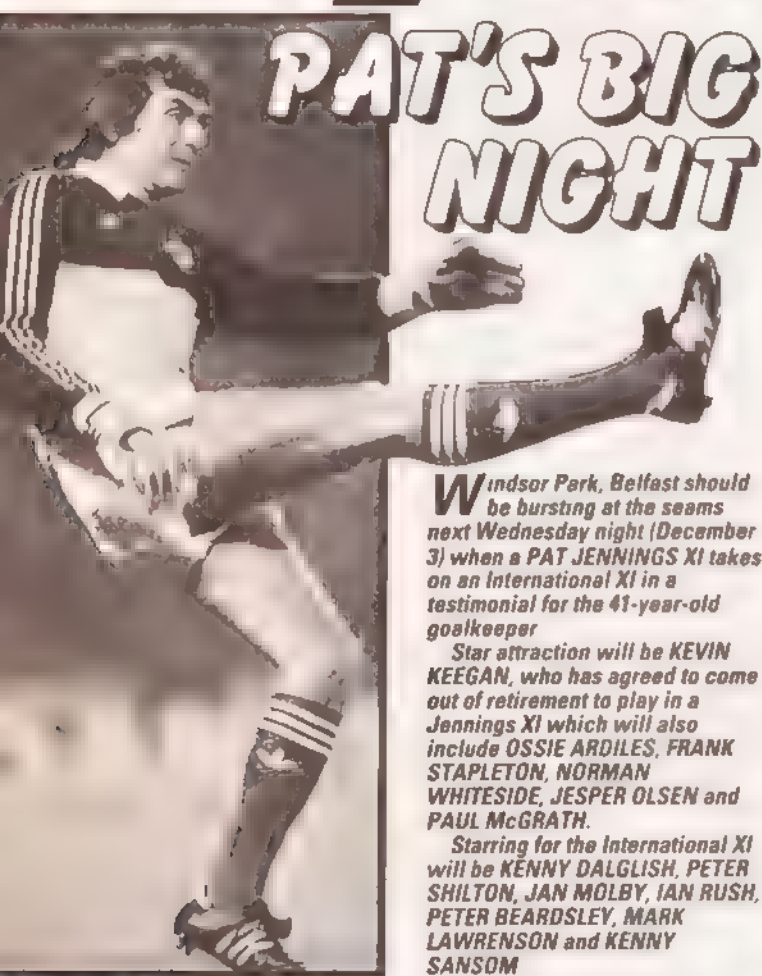
RICHARD GOUGH is in line to become skipper, of Spurs less than four months after joining the club from Dundee United for £700,000.

Manager DAVID PLEAT wants an outfield player to lead the team - he doesn't feel that goalkeeper RAY CLEMENCE can play a skipper's role from an isolated position and has been impressed by the Scottish international.

Pleat is torn between Gough and GARY MABBUTT and concedes: "We don't really have a natural shouter in the back four apart from PAUL MILLER."



# Mark Irwin knows AT LARGE



## PAT'S BIG NIGHT

**W**indsor Park, Belfast should be bursting at the seams next Wednesday night (December 3) when a PAT JENNINGS XI takes on an International XI in a testimonial for the 41-year-old goalkeeper.

Star attraction will be KEVIN KEEGAN, who has agreed to come out of retirement to play in a Jennings XI which will also include OSSIE ARDILES, FRANK STAPLETON, NORMAN WHITESIDE, JESPER OLSEN and PAUL McGRATH.

Starring for the International XI will be KENNY DALGLISH, PETER SHILTON, JAN MOLBY, IAN RUSH, PETER BEARDSLEY, MARK LAWRENSEN and KENNY SANSOM.

**M**anchester city midfielder GRAHAM BAKER is set to reject an offer to return to his former club, Southampton. City have put a £125,000 price tag on him, but Baker insists: "I am happy at Maine Road and would like to stay."

Charlton striker JIM MELROSE has finally discovered the root cause of the respiratory problems which have been plaguing him for years... he's allergic to grass! Maybe a transfer to QPR or Luton could solve his problem.

**S**TUART PEARCE, the new England Under-21 left-back, knows he has a long way to go before making the step up to a full international cap.

Says the Forest defender: "KENNY SANSOM is a cut above the rest of us at the moment."

"If there is such a thing as an international player, it is Kenny. He's so comfortable on the ball and possesses so much know-how."

"He's going to be England's first choice for the next four years, but I aim to be pushing to take over when he's finally past his best."



Scotland have agreed to meet Hungary in a full international at Hampden Park on September 9 next year.

## Star Simpson

**M**anchester City winger PAUL SIMPSON has been named as Fiat One Young Player of the Month. He gets a strong recommendation from England boss BOBBY ROSSON, who says: "He enjoys playing on the wing, takes players on and crosses consistently. Over the years he is going to be a real goalscoring winger... and that's why he deserves this award."



## Don't mess with Fergie

**M**anchester United stars who step out of line will do well to take note of new manager ALEX FERGUSON's method of dealing with bad boys.

Aston Villa defender NEALE COOPER will certainly recall the time when, as a young Aberdeen apprentice, his landlady reported him to Fergie for smashing a light bulb.

Fergie decided that as Cooper had behaved like a baby, he would be treated like one. So the next day in training, in front of all his team-mates, red-faced Cooper was forced to sing "Doo Doo Baa Baa Sheep!"



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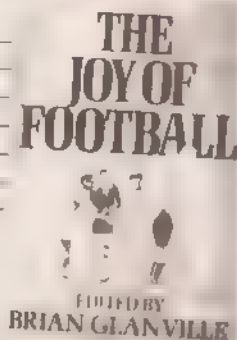
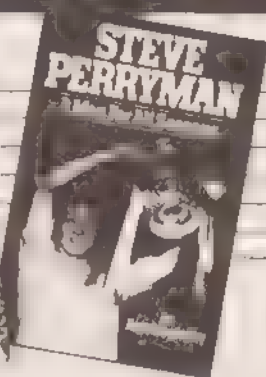
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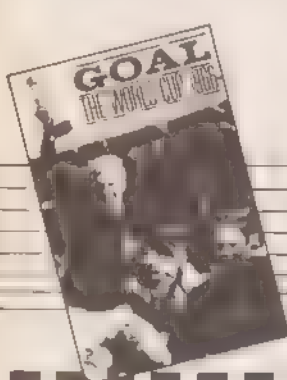
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## SCOTS GO SOUTH

4 mins

1. Mo Johnston joined Watford from which Scottish League side and who partnered the striker in attack when The Hornets lost 2-0 to Everton in the 1984 F.A. Cup Final?

2. Hearts' Sandy Clark, Celtic's Mark McGhee and Dundee United's Eamonn Bannon have all played for English clubs. Name them.

3. West Ham's Frank McAvennie formerly played for Stirling Albion, St. Johnstone or St. Mirren?

4. Gordon Smith played for Rangers in their Scottish League Cup Final defeat by Celtic in 1983. He also appeared in one more Final that year. Who for?

## ABROAD

1. River Plate and Boca Juniors play League football in which South American country?

2. Name the England international who is currently playing for Bari in Italy.

3. Nottingham Forest have had two Dutch 'keepers at the club in the past few seasons. Hans Segers is one. Who is the other?

4. For which countries are the following players internationals? (a) Enzo Francescoli (b) Harald Schumacher. (c) Bruno Conti. (d) Hugo Sanchez.

3 mins

ANSWER ON PAGE 33

Can you identify these three internationals (above) who play for Aston Villa, QPR and Tottenham?

2 mins

## STEVE'S START

Did Arsenal midfield man Steve Williams make his England debut against Australia, Austria or Argentina in 1983?

2 mins

## HAT-TRICK HEROES

1. Graham Benstead was the unfortunate goalkeeper as Liverpool's Paul Walsh blasted three goals in a recent 6-2 victory over who?

2. Preben Elkjaer (above) scored the first hat-trick of the 1986 World Cup Finals in Denmark's 6-1 victory over Paraguay. True or false?

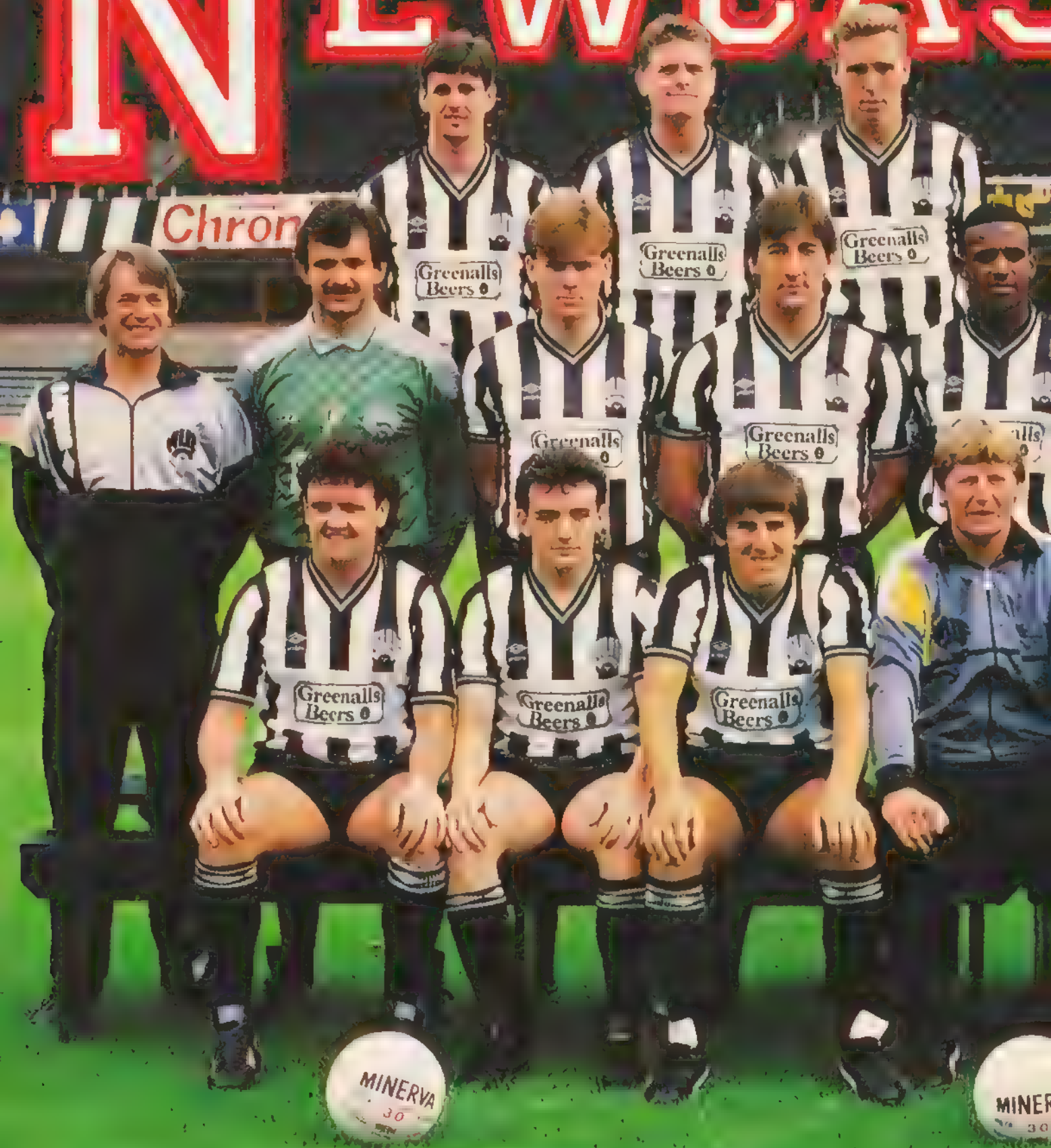
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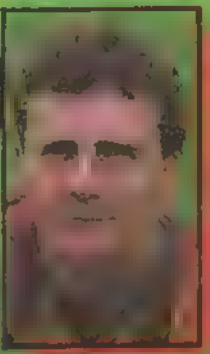
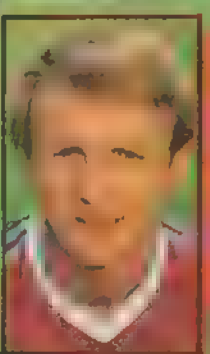
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# Paul's trial by TV

**P**aul Goddard, Newcastle United's £415,000 striker, faces trial by television when he spearheads The Magpies' attack against his old club West Ham on Sunday.

Few players in modern times have been placed under fiercer pressure than Goddard, who not only has to satisfy the critical St. James's Park following but millions more tuned in to the game at home after Sunday lunch.

Goddard has to convince his manager Willie McFaul and the long suffering Newcastle fans that his liaison with England striker Peter Beardsley can steer Newcastle free of the relegation zone.

Goddard, 27, is overjoyed with his move from EastEnders land to the North-East.

## 'Reason'

"Peter and I are already working out an understanding," he says. "There's no reason why we shouldn't play well together and both get our fair share of goals."

One of Goddard's last League goals was in West Ham's 8-1 win last season over Newcastle, who were hit by injuries which forced them to use three 'keepers in the game, including Beardsley.

"I came on as substitute and scored with my first touch," recalls Goddard, who also scored on his only appearance for England shortly before the 1982 World Cup.

"I didn't feel sorry for Newcastle at the time - our job was to win as well as possible - but they were weakened by injuries and it was a night for them to forget."

Goddard would like nothing more than to help Newcastle

## 'Peter Beardsley and I have an understanding'

exact revenge for that humiliating hammering, but knows a lot will depend on the supply to himself and Beardsley.

"Look at West Ham," he says. "If Mark Ward doesn't get in ten crosses, he's had a poor game for him. Then there is always Alan Devonshire.

"Devo hasn't done well if he doesn't provide the strikers with two or three half chances. He really is a super player,

particularly when you think that his knee was virtually rebuilt because of injury.

"He has possibly lost half a yard of pace and you don't see him going outside defenders so often, but he picks out his strikers so well that it's marvellous to play in front of him.

"I always told him he should score more, but he's perfectly happy making them for other people - and I would love to see



Paul Goddard goes past Ian Wilson in his debut for Newcastle at Leicester.

him doing it for England. He's certainly good enough."

Goddard believes he has left a club which is certain to win a major honour in the near future.

And he doesn't rule out the possibility that the First Division title could be on its way to Upton Park this season.

"They must be among the top three teams in the country and I will be amazed if they don't win a trophy in the next couple of years," says Goddard.

"I don't regret leaving West Ham. It's no secret that I was reluctant to move so far from London, but I'm settling in well. And a win against my old mates would be a great way to crown my first few weeks on Tyneside."





# Goddard: 'I rate him'

**A**LAN DEVONSHIRE has given up on one ambition, but aims to keep another very much alive in this week's telly showdown at St James's Park.

The refined Hammers' midfielder admits that, at 30, he doesn't expect to add to his nine England caps, no matter how high his performance level reaches.

But he insists: "We can win a trophy at West Ham this season, and I'd like to think the League Championship isn't beyond our capabilities.

"Certainly we're in a better position now than we were at the same stage last season. We've played quite well and also have had that little bit of luck you always need."

West Ham's final League position of third last season was their best ever, yet it was achieved after only one victory from their opening seven matches.

Devonshire points out: "We've learned from set-backs like that, and there is a more competitive streak about our game now.

"We work hard in training to put right any flaws in our game and if we have a bad performance, like our home defeat by Charlton recently, we'll work twice as hard."

Devonshire's visit to Tyneside gives him an early chance to see how his old mate Goddard is progressing.

Devonshire says: "He will help Newcastle out of their troubled position, I'm sure. He's with QPR team-mates Glenn Roeder, Ian Stewart and David McCreery, so he shouldn't have too many problems fitting in. He is a player I rate highly."

Goddard was on the verge of an England call up at one stage, but later broke his collar bone to open the way for Frank McAvennie to move up alongside Tony Cottee at Upton Park.

"The pair hit it off straight away, leaving Paul waiting in the wings. There was nothing manager John Lyall or Paul could do because of the goals the pair were scoring," says Devonshire.

The McAvennie-Cottee partnership delivered the goods to give West Ham a 2-1 victory in the corresponding match last season.

In the return at Upton Park, an injury to Newcastle 'keeper Martin Thomas helped The Hammers to a remarkable 8-1 result.

## Unbeaten

Now West Ham aim to extend their unbeaten away run.

They have picked up three points from visits to Old Trafford and Loftus Road, and secured valuable draws at grounds including Hillsborough, Vicarage Road and Highbury.

Devonshire adds: "Not many sides can boast a record like that this season, so I don't think it would be outrageous to suggest we think we can win at Newcastle.

"It certainly won't be as easy as our last match against them, however. The memory of that will be all the motivation they need!"

## Revenge mission

Peter Beardsley (left) ended up in goal as Newcastle were thrashed 8-1 at Upton Park last season and The Hammers will be looking to Alan Devonshire (right) to inspire another victory.





# BEAT BROOKING



## Spurs v Forest

Despite a bright start, Tottenham have again been suffering inconsistency at home a problem that has dogged them for several seasons.

They also rely too much on Clive Allen to get the goals. The signing of Nico Claessen should give them more firepower, but he needs time to settle down.

Forest have also gone off the boil recently.

Opponents have become more

*Trevor Brooking has predicted the results of First Division and Scottish Premier Division matches scheduled for this weekend. See if you can topple him...*

FIRST DIVISION	Trev's Tip	Your Tip
Aston Villa v Arsenal	0-0	
Leicester v Chelsea	1-2	
Liverpool v Coventry	2-0	
Luton v Charlton	2-0	
Man. City v Everton	1-1	
Newcastle v West Ham (Played Sunday Nov 30th)	1-2	
Norwich v Oxford	1-0	
QPR v Sheff Wed	1-2	
Southampton v Watford	2-1	
Spurs v Nottm. Forest	1-1	
Wimbledon v Man. United	0-1	
PREMIER DIVISION		
Dundee v Clydebank	2-0	
Falkirk v Dundee United	0-2	
Hibs v Hamilton	2-0	
Motherwell v Aberdeen	0-0	
Rangers v Hearts	1-0	
St Mirren v Celtic	1-1	

aware of the pace and penetration of Franz Carr and marked him tighter.

They've also cut out a lot of the

service he's been getting from Neil Webb.

Both attacks may still be too goalshy to provide a matchwinner.

## Motherwell v Aberdeen

A 2-1 win at Fir Park in March 1976 was Motherwell's most recent victory over The Dons.

Although Aberdeen aren't the power they were a year ago, there should still be enough strength in defence to stop a Motherwell side still celebrating a surprise win at Rangers.



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## Ron not to blame

Ron Atkinson was not at fault for Manchester United's decline. The players are to blame, and they are the ones who should have paid with their jobs.

**STUART ATKIN,  
WIDNES, CHESHIRE**

Jesper Olsen said they could have sacked 20 players or sacked the boss and it was easier to sack Big Ron (right). That's about the only worthwhile contribution he's made in his two years at Old Trafford. Ron was let down very badly. Alex Ferguson is facing a much tougher task than people think. Manchester United do not have a good team. Atkinson signed good players, but they did not maintain their standards at Old Trafford.

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## We want the English

No club can claim to be true Champions of Europe without first conquering Liverpool or Everton. UEFA must lift the ban on English clubs.

**SANDRO CANDELORA,  
FANO, ITALY.**

It's very nice of you to say so. We'd certainly love to be back in Europe, but we can't be re-admitted until there is a total ban on all fans travelling abroad. The Government may not be able to interfere directly with our League or Football Association, but they do have the power to stop people running riot all over the Continent.

## Shooting Scots

After so long without a goal, it's great to see Scotland getting back to their winning ways in the game against Luxembourg.

**RAY CLARK,  
STIRLING.**



Congratulations to the Jocks on getting a shot on target. What a pity it had to be from the penalty spot. A 3-0 win was the very least the Hampden Park fans would have settled for. They avoided a riot by the skin of their teeth. But any nation with genuine hopes of qualifying for the European Championship Finals wouldn't make such hard work of beating a team like Luxembourg. I hope I'm wrong, but I fear Scotland have already blown it.

## WALLY OF THE WEEK



This week's Star Letter and £10 winner comes from Jonathan Mellor of Ivy Lane, Evington in Warwickshire.

## TOO SOON FOR WRIGHT

Although it's good to see Mark Wright back in action so soon after breaking his leg, I don't think it was right that he should go straight back into the England team after only a handful of games for Southampton.



I agree. Yugoslavia should have had at least four goals at Wembley. The only reason they didn't get them was because they had a striker who couldn't hit a barn door from five yards. Zlatko Vujovic was meant to be a real dangerman, but the only people in danger from him were the photographers behind Chris Woods' goal. England's defence is still very shaky, and I don't believe that Wright should have walked back into the team so easily. Unfortunately, there was little choice for Bobby Robson with Dave Watson, Alvin Martin and Terry Fenwick all out. Who knows what his best team is - he hasn't had an injury-free squad for at least 18 months.

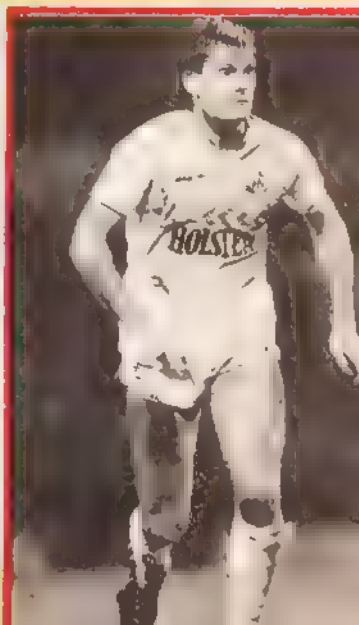
## Hoddle must stay

It seems that David Pleat is doing nothing to keep Glenn Hoddle at White Hart Lane. Hoddle is the most talented player in England and to lose him would be a terrible blow to the team's chances of success.

**DARREN ALEXANDER,  
NOTTINGHAM.**



I think it's in Pleat's mind to have a clean sweep at White Hart Lane. Too many Spurs players have got set in their ways, and it may be in Hoddle's best interests to move on. The fans may not like that, but they'll soon find another hero, particularly if the team starts to look like real title contenders. At the moment, they are not good enough to win the League.





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# WORLD WIDE



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## ARGIE BARGIE

**A**rgentina's World Cup triumph has been soured by a row over players' bonus payments

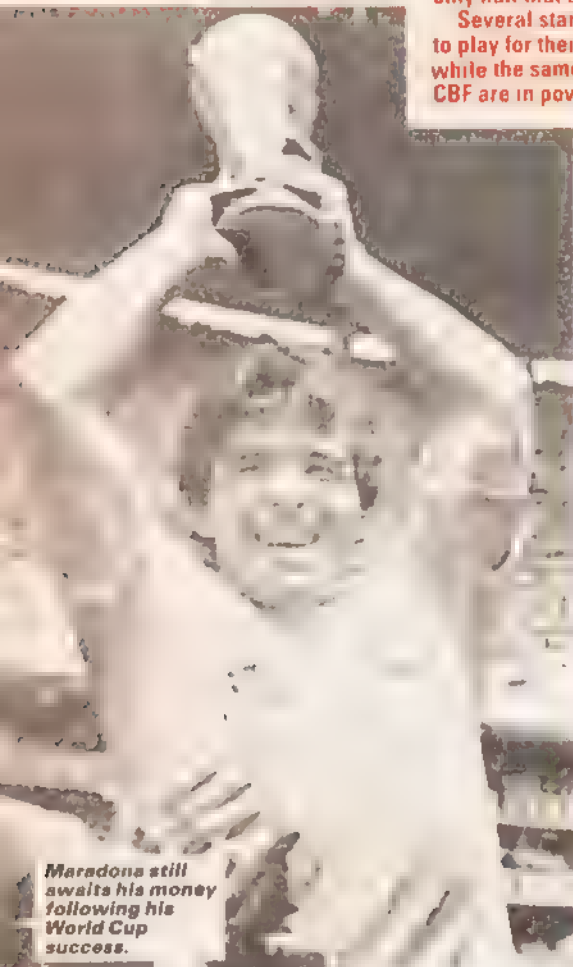
Captain Diego Maradona and his team-mates are furious because they haven't yet received

a penny (or should that be an austral?) as reward for lifting the World Cup for the second time in eight years

And they won't be happy unless they each receive a sum of around \$50,000 from their hard up Argentine FA

The Brazilians also feel hard done by, even though they have received their bonuses. They say they were promised \$29,000 each, but the FA of Brazil coughed up only half that amount

Several stars have vowed never to play for their country again while the same directors of the CBF are in power



Maradona still awaits his money following his World Cup success.

## PELE BACK!

**P**ELE is set for a dramatic return to international football in the next World Cup

No, not the tournament won by Argentina down Mexico way last summer - this will be the inaugural 'Veterans' World Cup, for footballers aged 34 or more, to be held in Brazil next year

Pele, now 45 and a World Cup winner with the Brazilians in 1958 and 1970, will lead a side including other past greats such as Rivelino, Clodoaldo and Edu, against teams from Argentina, Uruguay, West Germany and Italy

The tournament will last for a fortnight next January, and if you fancy Pele's name is already written on the trophy you'd be quite right. The competition has been officially named the 'Pele Trophy World Cup'!

UEFA chiefs who so readily expelled English clubs from Europe take note: Dutch fans travelled to West Germany, beat up a local landlord, set his pub alight and then, for good measure, threw missiles onto the pitch during Feyenoord's UEFA Cup defeat by Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Cypriot club Apollon Nicosia have appealed to UEFA against a two-year European ban for refusing to play Turkish club Besiktas in this season's European Cup.

## Bad name

**T**he name Eduardo is mud in South America just now, as two players of the same name both managed to earn themselves lengthy suspensions recently

Argentinian Eduardo Ruiz, of Defensores de Belgrano, will be out of action for seven months following a drugs offence, while Eduardo Pimentel, of Colombia's Millonarios Club, misses 25 matches for attacking a linesman

## BECKENBAUER

**F**RANZ BECKENBAUER suffered a touch of the sour grapes after watching West Germany lose 4-1 in Austria recently. The national team boss lashed Italian referee Luigi Agnolin in an extraordinary outburst saying: 'The man is a joke - he should be put away because he's a danger to the game. I would have thought 'I didn't agree with his two penalty awards against us, would have been slightly more diplomatic







# GET OFF

# JOHN'S BACK

**T**HE boo brigade could ruin the career of Motherwell's record-signing John Reilly.

Manager Tommy McLean paid £50,000 to Dundee United for the 24-year-old marksman who threatened to be one of the bargains of the year with a settled first team run.

"But for some reason, the fans haven't taken to the player," says McLean. "Goodness knows why, because the lad gives his all."

"Not everything he tries comes off, but the same can be said for even Maradona. His attitude is tremendous."

"But if the fans aren't careful we are going to lose a very valuable player. Who could blame him for wanting to leave Fir Park when the fans are getting on his back week in, week out?"

"Certainly I would have to be sympathetic to the lad if he did want to go. Thankfully, he is a magnificent professional and has responded to the challenge in tremendous fashion."

The cruel jibes of the

Motherwell fans were never more evident than in the Fir Park club's epic League Cup Semi-Final against Celtic at Hampden this season.

The tie had hardly kicked off when the Motherwell fans started hurling insults at Reilly, and they continued despite the striker's excellent display.

"They are really crucifying this youngster. But if he misses a chance he doesn't hide. He just gets on with the game and tries to do better next time," says McLean.

Reilly says: "I'll continue giving it my best shot. It would be wonderful if the fans were behind me, but I have to accept that they are not."

"If I can score goals on a consistent basis then hopefully they will change their outlook."



## Quiz Answers

**STEVE'S START:** Australia. **HIDDEN STARS:** 1. Andy Gray (Aston Villa). 2. Alan McDonald (QPR). 3. Gary Mabbutt (Tottenham). **SCOTS GO SOUTH:** 1. Partick Thistle, George Reilly, 2. Clark (West Ham), McGhee (Newcastle) and Bannon (Chelsea). 3. St. Mirren. 4. Brighton in the F.A. Cup Final. **ABROAD:** 1. Argentina. 2. Gordon Cowans. 3. Hans Van Breukelen. 4. (a) Uruguay. (b) West Germany. (c) Italy. (d) Mexico. **HAT-TRICK HEROES:** 1. Norwich. 2. False. It was Uruguay. 3. Turkey and Poland. 4. Robert Fleck.

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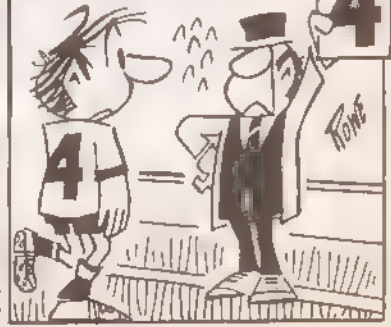
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**ONE YEAR AGO, Week ending December 7, 1985:** Scotland qualify for the World Cup Finals by gaining a 0-0 draw in Australia... Oxford gain a 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest, but Forest boss Brian Clough is so incensed with his side's first-half performance he allows them only five minutes for their half-time break and then forces them to wait on the pitch until the start of the second-half...

Altrincham and Frickley beat League opposition in the Second Round of the FA Cup.

**FIVE YEARS AGO, Week ending December 5, 1981:** England announce that their mascot for the World Cup Finals in Spain will be 'Bulldog Bobby'... Preston North End sack manager Tommy Docherty after only 17 matches... Bill Taylor, coach to the England team since 1974, dies at the age of 42.

**TEN YEARS AGO, Week ending December 4, 1976:** Ipswich beat Liverpool 1-0 in the First Division top of the table clash. Malcolm Macdonald scores a hat-trick for Arsenal against his old club, Newcastle... Jimmy Adamson takes over as manager at Sunderland following the sacking of Bob Stokoe.



Former Scotland boss Tommy Docherty is sacked as Preston manager

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Is Paul Walsh good enough to take over from Kenny Dalglish? We checked on the Liverpool striker in his side's 3-1 win at QPR.

**'TARGET' MAN**

## Shooting

Disappointing. Managed only two shots at goal – and both were off target. His only consolation was that they were well struck with left and right feet, but he will hope for a better return in future. So will Kenny Dalglish.

## Passing

Faultless. Of 18 passes, only one failed to find its target, and that was a cheeky backheel intended for Ian Rush that was cleverly cut out by defender Alan McDonald. Walsh created several excellent chances for team-mates, and set up Rush's 19th goal of the season with a 40 yarder that proved too much trouble for Gary Chivers.

# TAKE A REST, KENNY

## Tackling

One would expect Walsh to win many 50-50 balls against a far heavier opponent. Came away with the ball only once from seven clashes but was always willing to go in where it hurts.

## Heading

At five feet seven, Walsh could never be expected to win an aerial battle against his marker Alan McDonald, who stands at six feet two. But he managed to win two headers, and both found a Liverpool player.

## Temperament

Excellent – as one might expect of any Liverpool player. Never one to hide, but at no time was his behaviour worthy of a second glance from referee Alan Seville.

## Control


First class on a slippery plastic pitch that caught out as many home players as visitors. He mastered the conditions, was never frightened to take the ball in tight situations, and held up the play brilliantly to allow his team-mates time to take up attacking positions.

## VERDICT


Both managers were unprompted in their after-match praise of Walsh, and that says a lot. Walsh might be too lightweight to lead the front line in place of Rush next season, but there is none better equipped in the country to take the place of Kenny Dalglish.




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The bearded midfielder, who made his debut for the Maine Road club in the 1-1 draw with local rivals United, doesn't blame Charlton for his current absence from the Republic's side.

"I can't argue with the manager for overlooking me at the moment. I was in the squad for the game against Wales last March but Jack told me I would have to be playing first team football for him to consider me again."

"Now Jimmy Frizzell has given me another chance in the First Division. I hope I can produce my top form and possibly attract big Jack to Maine Road before he announces his squad for the European Championship match against Scotland next February."



Tony's £20,000 move from West Brom to City ended a disappointing year for the Irishman.

"I pulled a hamstring while playing for Eire against Denmark last November in what was Eoin Hand's last game in charge."

"I then had a frustrating time at The Hawthorns once Ron Saunders took over. He pinpointed the lads he wanted and I wasn't one of them. He never gave me a chance."

"Ironically, I was one of

# Watch me, Jack

Johnny Giles' first signings when he returned to West Brom in 1985.

"Giles gave me my first Eire cap, against Norway in March 1976. I was then an Orient player, where I spent five seasons."

"I had a further two seasons with Luton before a move to Brighton in 1981. The highlight of my time at the Goldstone Ground was leading out Brighton in the FA Cup Final against Manchester United at Wembley in 1983."

"It also gave me great pleasure to play for Eire, the land of my parents. I've skippered the side on 17 occasions and have won 45 caps."

"I would love to add to that tally and I know that I am not too old. I am only 30 and Big Jack obviously doesn't regard over thirties as past it. Five of his regular squad have had their 30th birthday."

The move to Manchester will also mean another gift for Tony's wife, Pippe.

Everywhere he goes, Tony collects antiques and he is hoping for a few more trips abroad to add to his growing collection.





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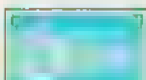
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break my goalscoring record of 49, set in 1983-84.

That might ensure a nice welcome when I finally arrive in Turin – not to mention help provide Liverpool to scoop even more silverware!

Manchester United have been Liverpool's great rivals for honours in recent seasons, but I don't mind admitting I feel sympathy for sacked manager Ron Atkinson.

I met Ron in Israel a while back, and found him completely different from his public 'flashy' image. He showed no airs and graces, and behaved just like one of the lads.

I know several United players were sorry to see him go, and I only hope he finds another job soon... and that has nothing to do with the fact he told me he wanted to sign me for United, nor his recent claim in a national newspaper that I'm the best striker of all time!

**NEXT WEEK: Ian Rush is giving away ten signed copies of his autobiography. Don't miss it!**

I thought I'd finished with homework the day I left school – how wrong I was! My forthcoming transfer to Juventus means I'll have to do a lot of swotting up before I leave Liverpool at the end of the season.

The Italian style of play is obviously my priority, and at this end I've had a satellite dish installed at my home so I can watch Juventus whenever they are featured on Italian television.

I saw their recent European Cup defeat by Real Madrid 'live', for example, and was particularly impressed with a midfielder called Lionello Manfredonia.

His position is on the right side of midfield, but he popped up all over the place, and made Juventus' goal, scored by Antonio Cabrini, to level the aggregate score. What a shame he missed a penalty in the shoot-out.

### Classy

Cabrini, I reckon, is probably the best full-back in the world. He is classy on the ball, never gives it away, and often makes good overlapping runs. In fact he reminds me a little of my old Anfield team-mate Alan Kennedy, although he's a lot more skilful (sorry Alan)!

Michael Laudrup impressed me, too, with his intelligent runs into space, and Michel Platini – even though he didn't play too well on this occasion – was always aware of Laudrup's intentions, and found him with great passes.

I've started to learn the lingo, too, with the help of a cassette, and I'll be taking private lessons from a tutor after Christmas.

Some of the Juventus players, though, can speak English, and that might help me in the early months. Laudrup even phoned my home recently for a chat, but I was out.

I'm particularly looking forward to playing alongside him. He proved his class during the World Cup Finals with Denmark, and Jan Molby – also in the Danish squad in Mexico – tells me he's a nice fella.

The food? That's no problem on my part – I'll eat most food – but my girlfriend Tracey might need some educating here. She's never been keen on Italian dishes.

Before I leave, though, I aim to help Liverpool to more success this season. We've started quite well, and my form in front of goal has led me to believe I might even



I am really looking forward to joining up with Michael Laudrup at Juventus.



**Guess what's being said about**

# The next Dalglish



**'He is as brave as a lion'**

**PAUL HART**

**T**he new Kenny Dalglish has arrived in the First Division – and the good news for Bobby Robson is that he's English.

Nigel Clough, 20-year-old son of Forest boss Brian, is the youngster who is earning that reputation with his subtle, skilful and scoring contribution.

And the assessment of Clough Mark II comes from a player who has both played alongside and against the precocious youngster.

Paul Hart, a stalwart at the City Ground before lengthening his First Division career with

Sheffield Wednesday, argues:

"Nigel has all the attributes needed to become another Dalglish.

"I don't say that lightly because everyone knows what a brilliant player Dalglish has been for Liverpool and Scotland over many, many years.

"But if any player is capable of getting near to him in terms of style and class, it's young Nigel.

"They've got so much in

common, including the fact that neither of them have been blessed with the frightening pace you associate with top class strikers.

"But lack of pace has never caused Kenny any problems and the way Nigel is developing, it's not exactly holding him back, either.

"He's as brave as a lion, he thinks very quickly and has a total awareness of what is going on around him. And like Dalglish, he

can bring other players into the action in a split second.

"Thanks to his father and his own natural ability, he's had an excellent training in the basics of the game – a training that a lot of youngsters coming into professional football don't have.

"It might sound odd, but not too many players can control and pass a ball to the degree that Nigel can. He's got a natural feel for the game which so many players would like.

## 'Surprise'

"When he first arrived on the scene at Forest as a Sunday League player you could always tell that he had got what it takes. It does not surprise me for one minute that he's done so well in the First Division.

"On the occasions that I've played against him you can tell that he's making strides all the time and with a little bit of luck there's no reason why he should not go on and play for England.

"And if he goes on to win half the honours that Dalglish has done I don't think he'll complain. I think his dad would be pretty happy, too!"

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# Nigel Clough

## Nottingham Forest

**FULL NAME:** Nigel Howard Clough.  
**BIRTHPLACE AND DATE:** Sunderland on March 19, 1966.  
**HEIGHT AND WEIGHT:** 5ft 9½ ins. 11st 4lbs.  
**MARRIED:** No.  
**HOME:** I still live at home with my parents.  
**CAR:** Ford Orion.  
**NICKNAME:** I don't have one.

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Heanor Town and AC Hunters.  
**TEAM YOU SUPPORTED AS A BOY:** Derby, Brighton, Leeds and Forest ... guess why?

**FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD:** John Robertson – such a skilful player for both Forest and Scotland.

**FAVOURITE CURRENT PLAYER:** Ian Rush, because he has such incredible all-round ability.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** There isn't one which particularly stands out – every first team game I play is memorable.

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Every time we lose and every time I play badly.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** I'm not really superstitious, but I do always wear ankle pads.

**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Three England Under-21 caps.

**CLUB HONOURS:** None so far.

**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Snooker, tennis and the occasional game of golf.

**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS STAR:** John McEnroe. I've always admired the way he strives for perfection.

**HOBBIES:** Most sports, music and sleeping.

**FAVOURITE ACTOR AND ACTRESS:** Jack Nicholson, Walter Matthau and Stephanie Powers.

**FAVOURITE TV SHOWS:** M\*A\*S\*H, Alas Smith & Jones, sports programmes.

**FAVOURITE MUSICIANS:** A wide variety, but I particularly like John Lennon and Elton John.

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My parents and the many people who have helped me during the last ten years.

**AMBITIONS FOR 1986-87:** To help Forest win a major trophy and to stay clear of injuries.

**LONG-TERM AMBITIONS:** To be happy and healthy in life.



Ian Rush – "Incredible all-round ability."





# Who's that with Tommy?

It will be reunion time next Monday (Dec. 1) when former Leicester defender Tommy Williams leads out a number of famous faces for his

testimonial match at Filbert Street. One old pal who will definitely be on show is England superstar striker Gary Lineker, who has agreed to jet over from Barcelona to help out his former team-mate.